

HOUSE RESOLUTION 31

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Raymond Doyle Gaines  
of Macon County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of  
the passing of Raymond Doyle Gaines; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Doyle Gaines was an exemplary public servant and consummate  
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in  
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher at Macon County  
High School, in which position he earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
students for the exemplary quality of his work; he taught biology and physical education,  
coached boys and girls basketball, and served as assistant football coach; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Gaines was elected Superintendent of Schools in 1964 and served in  
that position for sixteen years; he then served for ten years as assistant commissioner and  
executive director of state special schools in the Tennessee Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Mr. Gaines was elected Macon County Executive and served with  
distinction in that position until embarking upon his retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, an avid historian, Doyle Gaines researched the Korean War to assist the  
Macon County Historical Society with an upcoming book; he also compiled stories about World  
War II from Tennessee veterans and collaborated with the Historical Society to publish *Macon  
County Veterans of World War II*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gaines was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to  
remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Gaines enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Shirley, and was the proud father of four children: David (Kathy) Gaines, Dale (Ronnie) Reid, Dawn (Paul) Thompson, and Diana (David) Hernandez); and

WHEREAS, Doyle Gaines leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Raymond Doyle Gaines, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gaines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.